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1. CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR NUTTING CALLED ON ACDA OFFICERS JUNE 24 UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVEY MESSAGE FROM OTTAWA CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION ISSUE AT CCD. READING FROM CABLE, NUTTING SAID GOC WELCOMED US "DECISION" TO TABLE ITS DRAFT ENMOD TREATY AT SUMMER 1975 CCD SESSION. TEXT WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION IN APPROPRIATE OTTAWA MINISTRIES AND CANADIAN CCD DEL WOULD OFFER SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS DURING COURSE OF SESSION.

2. GOC, NUTTING CONTINUED, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT USG ANTICIPATED AT ENMOD EXPERTS' MEETING SCHEDULED TO CON- VENE AUGUST 4, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER MEETING WOULD LAST LONGER THAN SINGLE DAY.

3. ACDA OFFICER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GOC SUPPORT OF PLANNED TABLING OF US DRAFT, NOTING THAT CANADA BECAME THIRD

ALLY, FOLLOWING UK AND FRG, TO COMMUNICATE SUCH SUPPORT FORMALLY TO US. DRAWING ON REF (C), HE SAID THAT AS WE HAD INSTRUCTED OUR MISSIONS AT GENEVA AND NATO TO INFORM ALLIES, SIGNIFICANT SOVIET ACCOMMODATION TO US APPROACH IN LAST WEEK'S GENEVA ENMOD BILATERALS HAS CAUSED US TO RE- APPRAISE SITUATION AND DEFER TABLING OUR TEXT FOR TIME BEING. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION NUTTING WAS TOLD THAT SOVIETS HAD MOVED TOWARD US SUBSTANTIVE POSITION ON SCOPE OF PROHIBITION AND ON QUESTION OF BANNING RESEARCH AND DE- VELOPMENT.

4. WITH REGARD TO AUGUST EXPERTS' MEETING, ACDA OFFICERS CONFIRMED THAT US EXPERTS WOULD PARTICIPATE. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION THEY SURMISED THAT US MIGHT SEND 2-4 EXPERTS, NOTING THAT BOTH TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL-LEGAL MATTERS COULD ARISE. WHILE IT WAS PREMATURE TO MAKE DETAILED FORE- CAST FOR MEETING, WE WOULD SUPPOSE EXPERTS WOULD TAKE UP SUCH QUESTIONS AS STATE OF THE ART AND DISTINGUISHING BE- TWEEN "SCIENCE FICTION" AND REALISTIC POSSIBILITIES.
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ANOTHER IMPORTANT QUESTION, WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN RAISED IN CCD AND ELSEWHERE, WAS DISTINCTION BETWEEN EFFECTS OF WEAPONS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION AND SIDE EFFECTS OF OTHER WEAPONS. ACDA OFFICERS ADDED THAT WE WOULD EXPECT MEETING TO LAST LONGER THAN ONE DAY, NOT- ING THAT CCD HAD SCHEDULED IT FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 4.

5. ALSO ON JUNE 24, ITALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR SALIMEI

CALLED ON ACDA OFFICER TO INQUIRE AS TO ENMOD STATE OF
PLAY. HE WAS INFORMED ALONG LINES OF PARA 3 ABOVE.

6. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: IF ASKED BY ALLIES ABOUT PARTICU-
LARS OF SOVIET ACCOMMODATION TO US SUBSTANTIVE POSITION,
YOU SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND DESCRIPTION IN PARA 3 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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